

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 3, 2014

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 3, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Mark Bacon, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the October 20th meeting were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon with a second by Ken Masters.

Auditor Beard requested a correction to the minutes of June 15th where Delores Ward was reported as Delores Warrick. Mark Bacon moved to approve the correction. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LIBRARY

The Commissioners reported that they continue to gather information on the Rushville Public Library's request to expand county wide therefore they would continue to take the matter under advisement.

RIDE RUSH

Wanda Henderson presented the quarterly report for the Ride Rush Grant. Ken Masters moved to sign the report. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Kristi Amos reported that the Tax Increment Financing webinar presentation by Larry DeBoer has been archived and is now available for individual viewing.

TURNKEY

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented a bill for \$1,302 from Turnkey Mechanical & Electrical Corporation. Beard questioned if the invoice should be submitted for claim approval since the filters were delivered after their contract was terminated and furnishing filters are a provision of the county's contract. Mark Bacon moved to allow the submission of the claim. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSH/SHELBY BUILDING

Commissioner Levi explained that the county is reconsidering the purchase of the Rush/Shelby Energy building on Main St. One appraisal had been performed by Hardebeck's and McQueen Appraisal will be contacted for the second appraisal.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

In reviewing the list of Commissioner annual appointments, Commissioner Bruce Levi shared that the Veteran Service Officer is no longer a Commissioner appointment and would be appointed by the State.

SHERIFF

Chief Deputy Terry Drake stated that 37 inmates are currently incarcerated at the Rush County Jail. Drake also noted that treatment for termites at the jail has been completed.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Pavey reported that the city is still working on the Memorandum of Understanding. A trails meeting will be conducted on November 5th and the City is meeting to discuss long range plans on November 25th in city council chambers. The reorganization of the Eastern Indiana Development District (EIDD) has been approved by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA).

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that work will begin this week on the Carthage Pike. There may be a lane restriction due to the clearing of right of way and bank stabilization. Sitton submitted his monthly report and stated that annual bids will be opened on December 15th.

Sitton reported that it is in the best interest of the county to leave the First Covered bridge in the current location and bid the restoration as a federal project. Covered bridges are now on an endangered list and Rush County receives \$9,200 per year for repairs. Before consideration of lowering the weight limit to 3 ton on all the covered bridges, input is needed from the schools and the public. This issue will be addressed at the next meeting.

The contract with United Consulting Engineers to reconstruct Bridge #138 on Co Rd 715W was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon.

SURVEYOR

Rush County Surveyor Marvin Rees sent a public notice to the Commissioners and other adjoining land owners of the installation of some stream bank stabilization on the Flatrock River at county road 150N.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Amendment #2 of the Rush County Employees health insurance plan document was signed on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters. This amendment requires all surgeries (including outpatient) to be pre-approved. A \$250 penalty will be assessed to anyone that doesn't comply with this addition to the plan.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Veteran Service Officer Steve Land requested approval of a grant application from the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs for reimbursement computer equipment. Ken Masters approved to sign the application. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMS

An emergency medical service run report was submitted by Raleigh Fire Department. There was some confusion over a July date on the report. The Auditor will clarify the entry.

TAX SALE PROPERTIES

Attorney Gilda Caviness representing the Town of Glenwood requested that the Tax Sale Certificate on the Anthony Redd property be assigned to the Town of Glenwood. Ken Masters moved to allow this action. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Caviness will initiate the process to attain the Tax Sale Deed.

LIEN RELEASE

A request by Richard and Pamela Marine to release a rehabilitation lien issued in 2004 was granted on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MILROY RIGHT OF WAY

Milroy property owners Billie Joe & Delores Ward were given six months to clear off the out building located on right of way in Milroy. They have not complied and now have placed a rope across Walnut Street. The County Attorney has sent another letter to the Wards and the Commissioners instructed the County Highway Department to remove the rope on November 7th and to remove the building on November 21st if the property owner has not done so.

ORDINANCE REPEALED

Attorney Leigh Morning presented ordinance 1988-2 Building Inspection to the Commissioners. The State Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission had not signed the endorsement. Therefore the legality of the document is in question and Mrs. Morning advised that the ordinance be repealed. Mark Bacon moved to repeal ordinance 1988-2. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

As cold weather returns the use of space heaters by county employees has increased. The issue of fire safety and the safety of others become an issue. Commissioner Levi will visit the courthouse offices to determine the numbers and the safety of the units being used.

CLAIMS

Claims were approved by a motion offered by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion.

PAYROLL

Payroll claims for the period were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and a second from Ken Masters.

Mark Bacon moved to adjourn. Ken Masters offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor